

Drum for Wrapping a Cord, SN 10/613,657

Amendment

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Remarks:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful examination of the prior art and his comments in this regard.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include a second surface portion adjacent the first slightly inclined surface portion, wherein the second surface portion has a smaller acute upstream angle of taper than the first slightly inclined portion. This is not taught or suggested in the prior art.

Claim 7 has been put into independent form.

Claims 13 and 14 have been added to specifically claim the special situation in which the second surface portion is cylindrical. While the second surface portion is typically expected to have some slight taper for ease of molding, it is not required, and that surface could have a taper of zero degrees, making it cylindrical, as described on page 17, lines 10-14.

Based on the first Office Action, this should now put all the claims in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining problems with this application, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a call from the Examiner to help expedite their resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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